## Campaign Finance Welcome Packet

The Department of Elections now offers a Welcome Packet for candidates and treasurers of committees, which are covered by Delaware's comprehensive campaign finance reporting laws. These laws are designed to maximize transparency and to enhance public access to this information. The resource is designed to answer common questions on the topic, as well as to assist committee treasurers and candidates with ensuring that they are in compliance with Delaware Code.

The Department has invested significant resources in creating a Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) that is entirely web-based, permitting candidates, political committees, Political Action Committees (PACs), and Third Party Advertisers to file reports easily and efficiently. Additionally, the system permits public access to records at any time. It is designed to allow the public to search the site intuitively in order to find the information they are seeking as quickly as possible.

"The Welcome Packet will serve a convenient reference tool for all candidates, and they will receive it at the time they file for office," said Elaine Manlove, State Election Commissioner. "This is a logical next step, after the rollout to the enhanced CFRS website. In addition, the Department has dedicated experts in this field who are always more than happy to work with a candidate or committee to ensure compliance with the law, and that information is properly documented in the CFRS system to permit the public to access it." added Manlove.

The Welcome Packet includes all necessary information to assist committee treasurers and candidates with complying with the reporting requirements and details the penalties for untimely reporting. It also provides contact information, as well as avenues for assistance.

Access the Campaign Finance portal at: <a href="mailto:cfrs.elections.delaware.gov">cfrs.elections.delaware.gov</a>.

More info on the Department of Elections, including the Campaign Finance portal, is available at: <a href="mailto:elections.delaware.gov">elections.delaware.gov</a>.